

3765

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06074.0020



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
)  
Patrick BUCHMÜLLER ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
)  
Application No.: 09/914,572 ) Examiner: Unknown  
)  
Filed: August 31, 2001 )  
)  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
PROCESSING FILAMENT YARN, )  
AND USE OF SAID DEVICE )  
Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

RECEIVED  
MAR X 8 2002  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The following statements are provided regarding the non-English language documents submitted herewith:

1. **DE 41 02 790** – A copy of the corresponding international application's International Search Report citing this document is submitted herewith.

2. **DE 41 13 927** – A copy of the corresponding international application's International Search Report citing this document is submitted herewith.

FINNEGAN  
HENDERSON  
FARABOW  
GARRETT &  
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.408.4000  
Fax 202.408.4400  
www.finnegan.com

3. DE 195 46 784 – A copy of the corresponding international application's International Search Report citing this document is submitted herewith.

4. EP 564,500 – An English language abstract is submitted herewith.

5. EP 465,407 – A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,146,660, which is believed to be an English language equivalent of this document, is submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

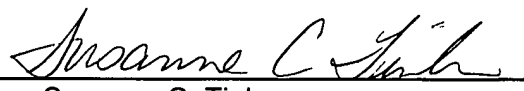
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: March 7, 2002

By:   
Susanne C. Tinker  
Reg. No. 44,472

FINNEGAN  
HENDERSON  
FARABOW  
GARRETT &  
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.408.4000  
Fax 202.408.4400  
www.finnegan.com